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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),  
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application  
No. PCT/JP98/00941 filed on March 6, 1998.

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For: IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE AND IMAGE DECODING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Fifty-Seven (57) pages
- ☒ Twenty-Nine (29) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ A statement (☐ Original ☐ Photocopy) to establish small  
entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP97/03785 filed on October 20, 1997 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

--This application is a Continuation of PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which designated the United States, and on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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